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Mayor Healy & City Officials to Break Ground on New \$10.4 Million West District Police Station

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, Police Chief Thomas Comey, and other city officials will break ground on the new **West District Police Station** during an **11 a.m. ceremony** on **Tuesday, April 24, 2012**, at **76 Clinton Avenue** (Seidler Street and Clinton Avenue).

“We are pleased to break ground on this important project, which when complete, will be a state-of-the-art and LEED Silver facility for our police officers in one of the busiest police districts in the State of New Jersey,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This is a much-anticipated project and one that will not only improve the quality of the work environment for our officers, but which will also improve the neighborhood. These improvements will allow for better communications and police response.”

The new West District Precinct will replace the current building at 576 Communipaw Avenue which opened in 1872 and has been a police station ever since. While renovations have occurred to this and other police buildings, the new West District will be the first new police station built in Jersey City since the South District was built in 1954.

Features of the new West District will include a 29,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art police facility equipped with the latest technology. The building, which is being designed for LEED-Silver standards, will be two stories high and will include a basement level.

The new West District, which is being designed by The Goldstein Partnership in conjunction with the City of Jersey City Division of Architecture, will include ADA barrier-free design (access for wheel-chaired and physically-challenged people), a bullet-proof reception area, a detention area, a secure area for prisoner drop-off and pick-up, a roll call room, conference and interview rooms equipped with audio/visual equipment, a detective offices, a back-up generator and fire suppression system, an exercise/multi-purpose room, a lunch room, onsite parking, domed lobby entrance with skylight.

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